

# MINI LESSON



## Non-fiction

### WRITING NONFICTION

No longer do children have to read and write "encyclopedia" type articles. Today's nonfiction for children is loaded with poetic language, uses narrative elements and creates strong mental pictures in the reader's mind. This list is of exemplary nonfiction that is worth exploring.

- Welcome to the Green House by Jane Yolen
- A River Ran Wild by Lynne Cherry
- The Popcorn Book by Tomie dePaola

## Persuade

### WRITING TO PERSUADE

To persuade is to convince. Learning to put together a persuasive argument is an important life skill. Begin with picture books that explore elements of persuasion.

- Can I Have a Stegosaurus Mom? by Lois G. Grambling \*small plastic stegosaurus
- Earrings! by Judith Viorst \*small pair of stick-on earrings
- Duck for President by Doreen Green
- My Teacher for President by Kay Winters
- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Williams \*small school bus sticker or eraser
- Dear Mr. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School
- I Wanna Iguana by Karen Kaufman Arloff

